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Madrid, September 16.

THE Marqueſs de Lede made but one Day's Stay at the Eſcurial, to give the King an Account of the Condition of the Forces he had brought from Sicily, and to receive from his Majeſty, as a Mark of his favourable Acceptance of his Services, the Honour of a Grandee of Spain; and then haſtned hither, where he had Conferences two Days ſucceſſively with the Secretary at War; and on the 12th Inſtant very early in the Morning, ſet out for Cadiz with all Diligence, the Expedition againſt Africa being deſigned to be put in Execution the Beginning of next Month. Sig. Patinno is to have the Direction of this Expedition, in the Manner he was employed on thoſe to Sardinia and Sicily; and for that end is to ſet out for Cadiz To-Morrow. The Liſt of the General Officers who are to ſerve in it is not yet made publick, but they are ſaid to be ſuch as the Marqueſs de Lede choſe to recommend to the King. The Conduct of Don Antonio Caſtaneta, who commanded the Fleet in the Year 1718, having been newly examined and approved by the Court, his Majeſty has honoured him with the Commiſſion of Lieutenant-General of the Marine, and declared that he ſhall hold with it that of General of the Artillery alſo, which he obtained in the Year 1708, with the full Appointments of both. The Conde de St. Eſteван, his Majeſty's Plenipotentiary for the Congreſs at Cambray, has fixed the 20th Inſtant for his Departure from hence on his Journey thither.

Bruſſels, Oct. 2. Yeſterday being the Anniverſary of the Emperour's Birth-Day, *Te Deum* was ſung on that Occaſion in the Cathedral of St. Gedula, all the Garriſon being drawn up in the Park gave a triple Salvo, the Cannon on our Ramparts were thrice diſcharged, and all other uſual Demonſtrations of publick Joy were ſhewn. The Marqueſs de Prié being abſent at Aix la Chapelle, the Field Marſhal Vehlen gave a ſplendid Entertainment to the principal Officers of the Garriſon and to ſeveral Ladies; and General Wrangel treated the chief Perſons of Quality of both Sexes at this Court. It is not yet known when the Marquis de Prié will return hither; in the mean time the Government have taken the neceſſary Precautions for preventing the bringing of the Plague into theſe Provinces from Marſeilles: Orders have been ſent to the Governours and Magiſtrates of the Towns of Oſtend and Newport, not to admit into thoſe Ports any Ships that ſhall come from the Coaſts of France or other ſuſpected Places; but to oblige them to lie off at a Diſtance from the Shore till the Maſters give to the Officers appointed to viſit them ſuch Accounts as may ſatisfy the ſaid Governours and Magiſtates that they may be admitted without Danger. Orders are alſo given to the Director General of the Poſts of theſe Countries, to cauſe all the Letters which ſhall come from France to the ſeveral Offices, to be carefully perfumed before they are diſtributed.

Paris, Oct. 2. The King's Declaration for eſtabliſhing a Chamber of Juſtice, during the Vacation of the Parliament, paſſed the Seals the 29th of September: It is compoſed of ſeveral Counſellours of State and Maſters of Requeſt, without admitting into it any Member of the Parliament. M. d'Armenonville, Secretary of State, is appointed Preſident of this Chamber, which is to be aſſembled in the Great Hall of the Auguſtin Fryars, where the Aſſemblies of the Clergy are uſually held; it is believed that the Advocates of the Parliament will refuſe to plead before this new Judicatory, and that they will be obliged to ſubſtitute in their Room thoſe of the Grand Council. The Doctors of the Sorbonne had Yeſterday being the firſt of the Month their uſual Meeting, at which it was expected the Chancellour would have been preſent, in order to have propoſed the accepting the King's late Declaration upon the Pope's Conſtitution; but great Oppoſition on the Part of the Doctors being apprehended, the Propoſal of that Affair has been put off to ſome other Meeting. The Faculty of Phyſicians of the Univerſity of Paris has been twice aſſembled upon a Letter from the Abbeſs de Chelles the Regent's Daughter, who has recommended her Phyſician's Son to be admitted to the Degree of Doctor in that Faculty, which they have accordingly granted. An Edict is publiſhed, declaring, that for the future no Gold or Silver Money ſhall be coined at the Mint but with a certain Mark, and according to the Standard deſcribed by this Edict; that all the old Species except one or two particular Coinages, ſhall be brought to the Mint to be recoined; and that the excepted Species ſhall be brought there likewiſe to have a certain Stamp or Mark put on them, in the ſame manner as the new Coin; that all foreign Coins ſhall be brought to the Mint; that to the ſeveral Sums of Gold and Silver brought in, an equal Sum of Bills of 100, 50, or 10 Livres ſhall be added, and the Amount of the whole ſhall be paid in the new Coin, that is for 1000 Livres in Gold or Silver and another 1000 in Paper, 2000 ſhall be given in the new Coin, the intrinſick Value of which will little more than anſwer the 1000 Livres in the old Coin; and that after the 1ſt of December next, the old Species ſhall be aboliſhed intirely, and not be negotiated in any manner whatever, but ſhall be confiſcated if found in the Poſſeſſion or Cuſtody of any Perſons, or Communities without Exception, one half to the King, the other half to the Informer. All former Arrêts or Declarations concerning the Exportation of Gold and Silver, in Coin or in Bullion, are renewed and enforced; and Subjects or Foreigners who export any Gold or Silver, (except only a ſmall Quantity of the new Coin) are to be puniſhed with Death, a Fine of 6000 Livres, and Forfeiture of Ships, Waggons, or other Carriages made Uſe of for that Purpoſe.

Edinburgh, Sept. 17. 1720.

By an Order of the Commiſſioners and Truſtees for the forfeited Eſtates in Scotland, this is to give Notice, that upon the Days hereafter mentioned, at Ten in the Forenoon of each Day, will be expoſed to Sale by Cant or Auction, at the ſaid Commiſſioners Office in Edinburgh, the following forfeited real Eſtates following,